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I.—PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

1.—That Testimonials of Proficiency granted by the National Educational Bodies according to the subjoined List, may be accepted, the Council reserving the right to add to, or take from, the List.

1. A DEGREE IN ARTS OF ANY UNIVERSITY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, OR OF THE COLONIES, OR OF SUCH OTHER UNIVERSITIES AS MAY BE SPECIALLY RECOGNISED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

2. OXFORD RESPONSIONS OR MODERATIONS.
 3. CAMBRIDGE PREVIOUS EXAMINATIONS.
 4. MATRICULATION EXAMINATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.
 5. OXFORD MIDDLE CLASS EXAMINATIONS (SENIOR).
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 7. DURHAM MIDDLE CLASS EXAMINATIONS (SENIOR)
 8. DURHAM EXAMINATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN ARTS, IN THEIR SECOND AND FIRST YEARS.
 9. DURHAM REGISTRATION EXAMINATION FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS.
 10. DUBLIN UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.
 11. QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, IRELAND, TWO YEARS' ARTS' COURSE FOR THE DIPLOMA OF LICENTIATE IN ARTS.
 12. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS AT THE END OF A.B. COURSE.
 13. MIDDLE CLASS EXAMINATIONS.
 14. MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS.
 15. FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF THE COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS.
 16. "TESTAMUR" GRANTED BY CODRINGTON COLLEGE, BARBADOES.
 17. DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS GRANTED BY THE TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION, WITH A CERTIFICATE THAT THE STUDENT HAS BEEN EXAMINED IN LATIN AND MATHEMATICS.
2. That Students who cannot produce any of the Testimonials referred to in the first recommendation be required to pass an examination in Arts, established by any of the bodies named in Schedule (A) of the Medical Act, and approved by the General Medical Council.
 3. That the Examination in General Education be eventually left entirely to the Examining Boards of the National Educational Bodies recognised by the Medical Council.
 4. That no Certificate of Proficiency in General Education, which

does not affirm the Proficiency of the Candidate in Latin, be deemed a sufficient proof of Preliminary Education previous to the commencement of Professional Studies.

5. That the various Educational and Licensing Bodies be requested to transmit to the Registrar of the General Council, Returns, embodying any alterations which they may from time to time introduce into their Courses of General Study and Examinations, which qualify for the Registration of Medical Students; and that a Copy of such Returns be sent by the Registrar, as soon as convenient, to each Member of the General Council.

II.—REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS.

1. That the Registration of Medical Students be placed under the charge of the Branch Registrars.
2. That every Medical Student shall be registered at the commencement of his Professional Study; and not until he has passed the preliminary Examination.
3. That each of the Branch Registrars shall open a Register of Medical Students, according to the subjoined Form; and that application for Registration be made by every such Student within fifteen days after the commencement of Professional Study.

Form of Application for the Registration of Medical Students.

Date of Registration	Name.	Preliminary Examination in Arts, and Date.	Place of Study.

4. That every person desirous of being Registered as a Medical Student, shall apply (in writing) to the Branch Registrar of the division of the United Kingdom in which he is residing, according to a form to be had on application to the several Qualifying Bodies, Medical Schools and Hospitals, and shall produce or forward to the Branch Registrar a Certificate of his having passed a Preliminary Examination in Arts recognised by the General Medical Council, and of his place of study : whereupon the said Branch Registrar shall enter the said applicants name and other particulars in the Students' Register, and the Registrar shall give him a Certificate of such Registration accordingly ; and that each of the Branch Registrars shall supply to the several Qualifying Bodies, Medical Schools, and Hospitals in that part of the United Kingdom of which he is Registrar, a sufficient number of blank forms of application for the Registration of Medical Students.
5. That a copy of the Register of Medical Students so prepared by the Branch Registrars be transmitted to the Registrar of the General Council, who shall, under direction of the Executive Committee, prepare and print an Alphabetical List of all Registered Students, and supply a copy of such authorized List to each of the Bodies enumerated in Schedule (A) to the Medical Act.
6. That the several Licensing Bodies be requested not to admit to Examination, after October, 1869, any Candidate for Licence or Degree whose name does not appear on the authorized List of Medical Students, or whose name is not already on the *Medical Register*.
7. That the several Branch Councils shall have power to admit special exceptions to the foregoing Regulations as to Registration, for reasons which shall appear to them satisfactory.

8. That the Branch Councils be desired to take means to make these Regulations known to the Medical Students at the various Medical Schools.

III.—AGE FOR LICENCE TO PRACTISE.

1. That the age of twenty-one be the earliest age at which a Candidate for any Professional Licence shall be admitted to his final Examination; that the age shall, in all instances, be duly certified; and that a Return of any exceptions to this Recommendation allowed by the Licensing Bodies, together with the reasons for such exceptions, be transmitted to the Branch Council of that part of the United Kingdom in which they have been granted.
2. That no Licence be obtained at an earlier period than after the expiration of forty-eight months subsequent to the Registration of the Candidate as a Medical Student.

IV.—PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

1. That the course of Professional Study required for a Licence shall comprehend attendance during not less than Four Winter Sessions, or Three Winter and Two Summer Sessions, at a School recognised by any of the Licensing Bodies mentioned in Schedule (A) to the Medical Act.
2. That it be recommended to the several Licensing Bodies that the Courses of instruction required by them be framed in such a manner as to secure a due share of attention, both to Preparatory Branches and to those more strictly connected with the Practice of Medicine and Surgery; and that it be suggested accordingly to these Bodies, that their Regulations should be such as to prevent attendance upon Lectures from interfering with Hospital and Clinical Study.

3. That the Council will view with approbation any encouragement held out by the Licensing Bodies to Students to prosecute the study of the Natural Sciences before they engage in studies of a strictly Professional character.

V.—PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.

1. That those Licensing Bodies which have not already done so, be requested to furnish a statement of the dates of their Examinations and of the modes in which such Examinations are conducted, whether by written, oral, or practical examination, and of the length of time a candidate is under examination in each or all of these ways ; and that the Registrar transmit these Reports to the Members of the Council, in order that they may be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the several Branch Councils.
2. That the Professional Examination for any Licence be divided into two parts ; the first embracing the primary or fundamental branches of Medicine ; and the second the branches directly connected with the Practice of Medicine and Surgery ; that the former be not undergone till after the close of the Winter Session of the Second Year of Professional Study ; and the latter or final Examination, not till after the close of the prescribed period of Professional Study.
3. That the Examination in Physics, Botany, and Natural History may be undergone at an earlier period than the first Professional Examination.
4. That the Professional Examinations be conducted both in writing and orally ; and that they be practical in all branches in which they admit of being so.

5. That the Professional Examinations be held by the several Licensing Bodies, except in special cases, at stated periods, to be publicly notified.
6. That Returns from the Licensing Bodies in Schedule (A) be made annually, on the 1st of January, and in the subjoined Form, to the General Medical Council, stating the Number and Names of the Candidates who have passed their First as well as their Second Examinations, and the Number of those who have been rejected at the First and Second Examinations respectively; and that the Registrar forward a sufficient number of Forms, with a notice for their being returned in due time.

Form of Return of Examinations, and their results.

PASSED.				REJECTED.	
1ST EXAMINATION.		2ND EXAMINATION.		1ST EXAMINATION.	2ND EXAMINATION.
No.	Name.	No.	Name.	No.	No.

7. That it be recommended to all the Examining Boards that they should require from every Candidate for examination before them, a statement, signed by himself, whether he has, or has not, been rejected within three months by any of the Examining Boards included in Schedule (A) of the Medical Act.
8. That it is not desirable that any University of the United Kingdom should confer any degree in Medicine, or Surgery,

whether that of Bachelor, Doctor, or Master, upon Candidates who have not graduated in Arts, or passed all the Examinations required for the Bachelorship in Arts, or the Examinations equivalent to those required for a degree in Arts.

VI.—SUPERVISION OF EXAMINATIONS.

That each of the Branch Councils, or such of their Members as may be deputed by such Councils, shall, from time to time, visit the examinations, Preliminary as well as Professional, conducted by the Qualifying Bodies in their respective divisions of the United Kingdom, and report the results of their observations to the General Council.
